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ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, February 22, as follows: During the week ended February 20, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Feb. 15	Napolitan Prince.....	New York	410	30	506	12
18	Vincenzo Florio	do	687	45	715	12
20	Italia	do	1,245	70	1,530	29

PALERMO.

Feb. 17	Napolitan Prince	New York	209	50	350	31
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MEXICO.

Smallpox in State of Durango.

Consul LeRoy reports, February 24, as follows:

I am reliably informed that smallpox has broken out at Torreon, in this district, and is raging as a real epidemic.

On March 3 Consul Le Roy reported further, as follows:

Upon more particular inquiry I am informed that the number of deaths from smallpox in Torreon has been 33, in which number is included 1 American. It seems difficult to obtain any reliable estimate of the number of cases. The chief surgeon of the Mexican International Railroad informs me that they are mostly confined to children, and that there were, when he left there on March 2, but 3 cases among the American residents, and that vigorous quarantine and vaccination regulations are being enforced. He is unable to give any reliable estimate of the number of cases. The consular agent at Torreon reports 250. Other persons report in the neighborhood of 1,000; but the surgeon referred to states that is a gross exaggeration. He states that the railroad does not find it necessary to impose a quarantine upon its employees.

PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels—Circular to agents of steamship lines—Mortality during January and February, 1904.

Surgeon Perry reports, February 27 and 29, as follows:

Inspection of vessels sailing from this port to ports in the United States or United States dependencies was commenced on February 24.

A circular letter relative to this matter was addressed to the different agents of steamship lines whose vessels sail for United States ports.

A copy of the letter is inclosed for your information.